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## General Roswell Sabin Ripley, U. S. A.

Was born in Worthington, Ohio, 14th March, 1823; entered West Point Academy, from New York, 1839; graduated in 1843, and was assigned to the Artillery. He joined the Army in Mexico in July, 1846; was at the taking of Monterey; ordered to Vera Cruz, March, 1847; was present during the siege and surrender of that city, and was with Genl. Scott's column, and participated in all the victories to the city of Mexico; for bravery at Chapultepec he was brevetted MAJOR; he wrote and published a history of the war with Mexico in 1849; resigned his commission in the United States Army in 1858, and made his home in South Carolina.

Upon the secession of the State in December, 1860, Major RIPLEY offered his services to Gov. Pickens, and was assigned to duty in Charleston Harbor. He was actively and efficiently employed in this service until the surrender of Fort Sumter, in April, 1861. Subsequently, as Brigadier-General, he was very prominently identified with the successful defence of Charleston Harbor to the very close of the war, except a period of a few months in 1862, when he was transferred to the Army of Northern Virginia; he participated in all the battles around Richmond that year, and was wounded in the throat at Sharpsburg, Md. At the close of the campaign he was re-assigned to Charleston. His service to the South was voluntary, and was prompted by a sense of right and of duty. This separated him from his family and his large circle of friends at the North, and when the war ended he shared without complaint the penalties of defeat with the men of the South.

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General RIPLEY died in New York, on 29th March, 1887. Having expressed the wish to be buried in Magnolia Cemetery, the City Council promptly took action; his remains were embalmed, and brought to this city, he had served with such continuous fidelity during the war. Arrangements were made for a public funeral, which was very largely attended on 3d April.

His funeral services were solemnized at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, the Rev. Robt. Wilson, Rector, assisted by the Rev. John Johnson, officiating; amid the tolling of bells, and other public demonstrations of respect by survivors and citizens, his remains were buried in Magnolia Cemetery, in accordance with his own request. It is now proposed to erect, by voluntary contributions, an enduring monument, suitably inscribed, which will preserve to posterity his name and services.

The Survivors Association of Charleston District have, with the friends of General RIPLEY, undertaken this work.

At a meeting held at the Armory of the Washington Light Infantry, on 15th November, 1892, the undersigned were appointed a Committee, charged with the execution of this purpose. Some provision has already been made to this end. The committee announce that only \$1,000 is now needed to complete the monument.

You are respectfully invited to make a contribution to either of the undersigned for this purpose.

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Charleston, S. C., 16th November, 1892.



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